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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

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## New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Please register by filling out a form available at the back of the church or online.

## Sacrament of Baptism

The desire for Baptism for a child must be accompanied by a very serious commitment to raise the child within the Catholic faith community and to educate the child in the truths of the church. An essential part of the commitment is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. Baptisms are usually held on two Sundays every month. Please contact the parish office for a Baptismal package.

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish one year in advance. They must also attend a Marriage Preparation Course prior to entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil divorce or religious marriage with another person, please notify the priest as soon as possible as the priest is not permitted to set a wedding date until the Bishop's Office has been contacted.

## Sacrament of the Sick

In this Sacrament we celebrate Christ's healing presence among us today. If you, a relative or friend, require this Sacrament at home or nursing home, please call the parish office. For your spiritual needs during a hospital stay, the Archdiocese of Toronto has assigned a full time Roman Catholic Chaplain to each of the two Mississauga hospitals. For the Chaplain, speak to the Nurses' Desk or call the Spiritual Care Office.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM  
Every 2nd & 4th Friday during Holy Hour (6:15pm to 6:45pm).

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Closed Monday, Saturday and Sunday  
Closed Daily: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## MASS

Sunday Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (fulfills the Sunday obligation)  
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON

### Weekday Eucharist

Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM  
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:30 AM

## DEVOTIONS

### Holy Hour

Fridays (excluding holidays) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday during Mass

### Rosary

Monday & Wednesday at 6:40 PM

### Divine Mercy

Friday at 3:00 PM

## PARISH LIFE

Charismatic Prayer Goup 905-822-8132  
Legion of Mary (Wed 7:30 PM) 905-822-8132  
Knights of Columbus (Mike Genua) 416-804-3457  
RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 3  
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## SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183  
St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115  
Christ the King 905-569-0220

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2023

**“Do Not Return Evil for Evil”**

If someone insults you or tries to take advantage of you, how do you respond? Do you repay in kind? Jesus approached the question of just retribution with a surprising revelation of God's intention for how we should treat others, especially those who mistreat us. When Jesus spoke about God's law, he did something no one had done before. He gave a new standard based not just on the requirements of justice - giving each their due - but based on the law of grace, love, and freedom.

God knows our sinfulness and weaknesses better than we do - and he assures us of his love, mercy, and help. That is why he freely gives us his power, strength, and gifts so that we may not lack anything we need to do his will and to live as his sons and daughters (2 Peter 1:3). Do you want to grow in your love for God and for your neighbour? Ask the Holy Spirit to purify and transform you in the image of the Father that you may know and live in the joy and freedom of the Gospel.

**“Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with your love that nothing may make me lose my temper, ruffle my peace, take away my joy, nor make me bitter towards anyone.”**

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – 10:00 A.M. – FAMILY DAY**

Mass Intention Available

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – 8:30 A.M.**

Mass Intention Available

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – 8:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M. -**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Mass Intention Available

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – 8:30 A.M.**

S.I. In reparation for sins committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mass Intention Available

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - 5:00 P.M.**

+ Zita D’Cruz

+ Jim & Louise Killackey

+ Jeral Pereira

**SUNDAY, FEB. 26 – 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

S.I. Parish Community

**SHARLIFE FINAL 2023 TOTAL**

The ShareLife Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto has reported that the **final total for St. Francis of Assisi Parish in the 2023 Parish Campaign is \$152,490.52.**

The total represents 113% of our parish goal and demonstrates once again that we can accomplish great things when we work together.

Fr. Damian wishes to thank all parish donors for a tremendous achievement at a time when many people are in dire need due to a very challenging economic situation, locally and worldwide.

May God bless you for your compassion and generosity!

**WHAT IS A LENTEN RETREAT?**

WHEN: Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>

Featuring: Father Ron Rolheiser

Theme: Wrestling with God and with Love – Resistance and Surrender Within Our Spiritual Journey

For more information, please contact:

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre 905

278-5229 or, [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca)



**ASH WEDNESDAY** is Wednesday, February 22nd. There will be two Masses at St. Francis of Assisi Church: 8:30am and 7:00pm. Ashes will

be blessed and applied to the forehead of participants during each of these Masses.

## DISASTER RELIEF FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, CNEWA, and Jesuits International) to support relief efforts underway to assist victims of the recent earthquake affecting Turkey and Syria. More than 30,000 people have been killed and even more are missing, displaced or injured.

### ***Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:***

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief/>

- By phone through the Development Office  
416 – 934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
**NAME OF PARISH – TURKEY AND SYRIA  
EARTHQUAKE – HUMANITARIAN RELIEF**

Please continue to pray for those who have died and for the many family members and loved ones whose lives have been forever altered by this tragedy.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Youth Choir:** Practices every Saturday @ 4pm

**Bridge Club:** Every Monday @ 1pm in Parish Hall

**(Sung) Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** every Friday @ 3:00 p.m.

**First Communion: Catechism in-person at parish –  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30p.m. or February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m.**

**Stations of the Cross:** after the 7:00 p.m. Friday Mass during Lent.

**Men of St. Francis Club:** Sat. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 8am in parish hall

### BRAIN TEASER

Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any form except fresh.

## MARCH 2023 LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Fr. Paul Burchat, from Madonna House, Combermere, Ontario, will be at St. Francis of Assisi Parish to preach at all Masses on the weekend of March 18 & 19 to introduce this year's Lenten Mission.

Our Mission will take place on three consecutive evenings: **Monday, March 20, Tuesday, March 21** and **Wednesday, March 22** beginning at 7pm each evening.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. More details to follow.

### LEGACY SOCIETY of the ARCHDIOCESE of TORONTO

If you have included your parish or favourite archdiocesan charity in your Will or estate plan, please let us know. Through the Legacy Society of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we would like to say a special thank you. All Legacy Society members are invited to the Annual Legacy Society Lunch & Mass by the Archdiocese of Toronto. They will also receive:

- A hand-crafted cross blessed by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins.
- A personal letter from Cardinal Collins and a certificate acknowledging your intention.
- Invitations to Legacy Society functions and other special events.
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Let your legacy be a testament of your faith! All Legacy Society members have the option of remaining anonymous.

If you have any questions, please contact the **Development Office** at [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org) or phone **416 934-3400 ext. 519**.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER THE 7:00PM MASS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT



**February 24** – The Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori

**March 3** – Stations of the Cross for Peace

**March 10** – Stations of the Cross in Reparation for Sins Against Life

**March 17** – St. Patrick's Way of the Cross

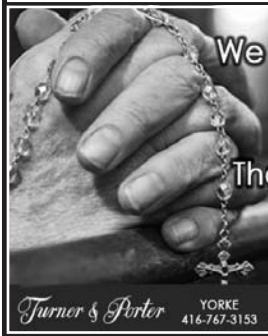
**March 24** – Family-Centered Way of the Cross

**March 31** – Mary's Way of the Cross

**April 7** (Good Friday, 7:00pm) – Everyone's Way of the Cross



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